Agencies involved in completion of Bangalore International Airport Project

1360. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a deadline of 2008 for the completion of Bangalore International Airport has been stipulated by Government;

(b) if so, whether it would be possible to raise this massive infrastructure in the stipulated time especially when the existing airport handles only half a dozen flights a day, witnesses long queues of passengers and improper functioning of the conveyor belts;

(c) whether any specific agency or consortium of agencies has been identified to undertake this job within the stipulated period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Greenfield airport at Devanhalli near Bangalore is being implemented on a Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis with Public Private Participation. Government of Karnataka (GoK) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) together hold 26% equity and the strategic joint venture partners (a consortium led by Siemens, Germany with Unique Zurich, Switzerland and Larsen & Toubro India Limited) hold the balance 74%. The above Joint Venture Company as per the Concession Agreement has to complete the construction within the stipulated time.

Survey of facilities at Airports

1361. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey rating conducted for his Ministry has revealed that both of India's premier airports of Delhi and Mumbai fell even below average for Asian airports;